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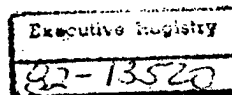
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Interdepartmental Group No. 9

MEMORANDUM TO: OVP - Mr. Donald P. Gregg
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SUBJECT: Report of CBW Arms Control IG

Attached is a copy of the summary report of the December 13 meeting of the Chemical and Biological Weapons (CBW) Arms Control IG.

Charles Hill

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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Attachment:

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Meeting of the Interdepartmental Group
on Chemical and Biological Weapons Arms Control

December 13, 1982

PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS

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DISCUSSION:

The IG met at 10:15 a.m. to: (1) consider ACDA's proposed position paper containing detailed U.S. views on a complete CW ban; and (2) exchange views on the draft CW Verification Study.

ACDA noted that the draft paper on U.S. views on a CW ban was a discussion paper to help focus consultations with Allies and would have to be revised, prior to the opening of the 1983 session of the Committee on Disarmament, to account for results of consultations and the conclusions/recommendations of the CW Verification Study.

Concerns were expressed about the adequacy of the paper's treatment of the compliance obligation relating to on-site inspections (OSIs) -- specifically, the need to craft an obligation which would not enable the Soviets to veto OSI requests. It was agreed that the Working Group would meet in the afternoon (December 13) to endeavor to formulate mutually acceptable language on these points.

In considering the draft CW Verification Study, it was noted that the principal remaining difficulties with the draft study related to the sections on "Monitoring Capabilities" and "Problem Areas." The problems pertaining to these sections, as well as with the section setting forth specific verification

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measures, were largely structural. It was agreed that these sections would be reorganized to ensure that all of the study's sections fit together logically and usefully.

It was further agreed that the following issues would be examined: (1) the military risks associated with violations of a complete CW ban; (2) the probability that the Soviets would comply with a complete CW ban; and (3) the probability that other nations might violate a CW ban.

The IG was also informed that EUR would circulate its preliminary draft paper on Allied Co-ordination on CW Posture in the next few days. ACDA briefed the group on the status of recent efforts relating to the convening of a meeting of States Parties to strengthen the Biological Weapons Convention. The IG also focussed briefly on the calendar of upcoming events and action requirements relating to the implementation of NSDD-18, as well as to follow-up of the November 29 release on CW use. It was noted that these activities would increase demands on the IG and its Working Group during the next several months and require careful organization and management of priorities in the CBW area.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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